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LOK SABHA

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SPORTS TALENT HUNT IN RURAL TRIBAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of camps/sports programmes organized by the Government to identify talented sports persons in rural/tribal areas;and

(b) the quantum of funds allocated for the establishment of Youth Development Centres in the rural/tribal areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS(DR. M.S. GILL)

(a) Sports Authority of India (SAI),on the basis of performance at organised competitions and a battery of tests organised at centres locally,selects promising sports persons from all parts of the country including rural/tribal areas.Selected sports persons are then given training.SAI has more than 15,000 trainees who are being trained in 288 centres spread througout the country,including rural and tribal areas.

(b) Youth Development Centres are given a one time financial assistance of Rs.30,000/- and serve as Centre of information, training and development of sports for the youth in the rural areas.No separate allocation is made for establishment of Youth Development Centres (YDCs) in the rural/tribal areas.Funds are allocated to Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) for implementing various schemes/programmes which includes running of the YDCs in each district of the country.During 2007-08, Rs.39.78 crores have been allocated to NYKS for undertaking its regular programmes including Youth Development Centres.